MED. LIBRARY

CUCKFIELD URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR 1925.

MINISTRY OF

Area in Acres...	863	Census Returns, 1921.
Population, 1921	1,928	
Number of Inhabited Houses	450	
Number of Families or Separate Occupiers	480	
Rateable Value	£13,954 7s. 6d.	
Sum represented by One Penny Rate ...	£58 2s. 10d.	

	1920	1921	1922	1923	1924	1925
Population estimated to Middle of Year	1,724	1,927	1,871	1,868	1,954	1,960
Birth Rate per 1,000 of Population ...	24.3	11.0	10.0	11.0	11.0	5.0
Deaths under One Year per 1,000 Births	24.0	0.0	0.0	95.0	43.0	100.0
Total Death Rate per 1,000	23.2	11.4	13.8	13.0	36.0	36.0
Nett Death Rate per 1,000	9.0	10.0	12.0	13.2	17.0	15.0
Zymotic Death Rate per 1,000	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Death Rate from Phthisis per 1,000	.5	1.0	1.2	1.4	0.0	.5
Death Rate from Respiratory Diseases per 1,000	.5	1.0	1.2	1.0	3.0	.5
Senile Mortality—Deaths at 65 years and over as percentage of Nett Deaths	58.0	59.0	40.0	65.0	38.0	57.0

BIRTHS: Legitimate, Total 10—Males 5, Females 5 } Birth Rate
Illegitimate ,, Nil. } 5.

DEATHS: Total, 28—Males 15, Females 13. Death Rate 15.

Number of Women dying in or due to Childbirth—Nil.

Deaths of Infants under one year of age 100 per 1,000 Births.

According to the corrected Census Returns, 1923, the Population of Cuckfield Urban was as follows :—

1901—1,813 persons,	866 Males,	957 Females	
1911—1,899 ,,	877 ,,	1,022 ,,	
1921—1,928 ,,	812 ,,	1,116 ,,	

The Vital Statistics are satisfactory.

The Principal Causes of Deaths—Consumption 1, Cancer 4, Heart Disease 5, Bronchitis 1, Cerebral Hæmorrhage 2, Other Tuberculous Diseases 1.

COMPARATIVE VITAL STATISTICS.

	Birth Rate.	Infantile Mortality Rate.	Nett Death Rate.
England and Wales ...	18.3	75	12.2
Cuckfield Urban ...	5	100	15

The Total Deaths occurring in the District include Visitors and Inmates in the Workhouse Infirmary which is situate in the District, such Inmates not belonging to the District.

The Nett Death Rate excludes visitors not belonging to the District.

The Vital Statistics call for little comment. The Birth Rate is low.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Diseases.	Total.	Removed to Hospital.	Total Deaths.
Scarlet Fever	2	2	Nil.
Pulmonary Tuberculosis ...	3 (M. 2, F. 1).	M. 2	F. 1.

PROFESSIONAL NURSING.

General—East Sussex County Nursing Association.

HOSPITALS.

Venereal Diseases—Brighton, Tunbridge Wells, and East Sussex Hospitals, Hastings.

Tuberculosis—Darvell Bank, Robertsbridge.

Fever—Cuckfield Rural District Council's Hospital, Dean's Farm, Hurstpierpoint.

Smallpox — East Sussex Western Smallpox Hospital, Plumpton.

General Hospitals available for the District—Haywards Heath Hospital, Brighton County, Children's Hospital, Women's Hospital, Brighton.

Ambulance Facilities—For Infectious Cases, Cuckfield R.D.C. Non-Infectious Cases, Red Cross Ambulance.

LABORATORY WORK.

Specimens are sent to the M.O.H.

Diphtheria Antitoxin is supplied on demand.

BYE-LAWS AND ADOPTIVE ACTS.

The following Bye-Laws are in force in the District :—

Infectious Diseases Notification Act, 1889, adopted Jan. 15th, 1890.

Infectious Diseases Prevention Act, 1890, adopted Feb. 5th, 1891.

Public Health Amendment Act, 1890, adopted Feb. 5th, 1891.

Private Street Works Act, 1892, adopted Jan. 7th, 1894.

Bye-Laws relating to New Streets and Buildings, 1912 and 1924.

SANITARY ADMINISTRATION.

A Tabular Report of the Sanitary Inspector's for Year 1925:—

No. of	Houses in the District	478
,,	Houses and Premises inspected under Public Health Act	245
,,	Nuisances Discovered and Abated by Verbal Notice	16
,,	Slaughter Houses in good order	2
,,	Slaughter House Inspections	16
,,	Bakehouses (clean)	5
,,	Dairies and Milkshops Registered (satisfactory) ...	14
,,	Cowsheds Registered	2
,,	Cesspools Emptied by Council	4
,,	Houses Disinfected	2

Sewage Farm—Expenditure, £234 19s. 6d. Receipts, £97.

Disinfection of Houses by Formalin Gas, Washing and Whitewashing.

Clothing removed to Steam Disinfector, Dean's Farm Hospital, Hurstpierpoint.

GENERAL SANITARY SURVEY.

During the past five years the District of Cuckfield Urban has altered slightly with regard to general character and social conditions. The District is chiefly residential and agricultural, mostly Dairy Farming, with Building Trades and Motor Works. A modern Infirmary has been built at the Union Workhouse, which is available for the Districts of Cuckfield Urban, Cuckfield Rural, Haywards Heath and Burgess Hill.

Sewerage. All houses, with exception of 48, are connected to the Sewers, which are well laid, ventilated, and flushed from time to time. The Sewage is treated on a Sewage Farm. There are 34 Cesspools and 14 Pails for those houses at Tylers Green and elsewhere that cannot be connected to present Sewers.

Scavenging.—House Refuse is removed weekly from all but 18 houses. The Refuse is deposited on the Sewage Farm.

Water Supply.—Water is supplied to all houses under constant pressure from the Joint Water Board. The water is of good quality.

Housing.—Twelve Houses for the Working Classes were built by the Council, and it is contemplated to build 22 houses. The Sanitary Inspector reports that there is some overcrowding, also that some of the old houses are in bad repair. The Sanitary Inspector gives as much of his time as can be spared to inspection of Food, and attends at the Slaughter Houses during killing time. The Humane Slaughtering of Animals has been adopted in the District.

The Sewage Farm shows a loss, whereas formerly there always was a profit. The Sewage Farm has evidently become sewage sick, and it is a question whether mechanical means of filtration would not be advisable.

PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF.

M.O.H., Whole Time, D.P.H.

Sanitary Inspector, also Surveyor.

HOUSING.

No. of New Houses erected during the year :—	
(*a*) Total	4
(*b*) As part of a Municipal Housing Scheme ...	Nil.
By Private Persons	4
,, Unfit Dwelling Houses	Nil.
,, Defects Remedied without serving formal Notice...	28
,, Inspections made	216
Action taken under Statutory Powers	Nil.
(*a*) Nil.	
(*b*) Nil.	
(*c*) Nil.	
,, Houses rendered fit	1

No. of Houses built in	1921	by Private Persons	1,	by Council	12.
,, ,, ,,	1922	,, ,,	6,	,,	Nil.
,, ,, ,,	1923	,, ,,	2,	,,	Nil.
,, ,, ,,	1924	,, ,,	1,	,,	Nil.
,, ,, ,,	1925	,, ,,	4,	,,	Nil.

The Sanitary Inspector's work has been good during the past year.

In conclusion I have to thank the Council for the courtesy extended to me during the past year.

My thanks are also due to the Clerk and other Officials of the Council for their kindly assistance.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

HUGH STOTT.